

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jack Wells, on January 31, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jack Wells, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Eve Franklin (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Amy Carlson, OBPP
Jim Standaert, Legislative Branch
Alan Peura, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Kathy Baird, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Goals and Objectives Budget Hearing: Office of Public
Instruction / Local
Education Activities
Program (09)

Executive Action: Traditional Arts and Crafts Fund Bill

Committee Business:

00:00:08 Chairman Wells

MEETING WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

NEW PROPOSALS IN PROGRAM (09)

Discussion on Full-Time Kindergarten:

00:02:50 Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent, Office of
Public Instruction (OPI)

EXHIBIT(jeh21a01)

Committee Questions on Full-Time Kindergarten:

00:09:27 Sen. Wanzenried
00:10:06 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
00:11:50 Sen. Wanzenried
00:12:03 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
00:12:33 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:12:57 Rep. Wells
00:13:31 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
00:14:42 Rep. Wells
00:15:34 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
00:16:30 Rep. Glaser
00:17:48 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
00:18:15 Rep. Glaser
00:18:45 Rep. Wells
00:18:57 Sen. Lewis
00:19:45 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

Discussion on Full- Time Kindergarten Start-Up Costs:

00:20:28 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

Committee Questions on Full-Time Kindergarten Start-Up Costs:

00:25:02 Sen. Wanzenried
00:25:10 Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning
(OBPP)
00:28:01 Rep. Wells
00:28:29 Ms. Carlson, OBPP
00:29:27 Mr. Standaert, LFD
00:29:54 Rep. Wells
00:30:02 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

Discussion on District Retirement Fund:

00:30:58 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

Committee Questions on District Retirement Fund:

00:35:15 Rep. Glaser

00:35:29 Mr. Standaert, LFD

00:35:45 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

00:36:39 Rep. Wells

Discussion on Special Education:

00:37:18 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

00:37:43 Bob Runkel, Assistant Superintendent, Education
Services, OPI

Discussion on Adult Basic and Literacy Education:

00:41:40 Mr. Runkel, OPI

Committee Questions on Adult Basic and Literacy Education:

00:44:49 Sen. Hawks

00:44:59 Mr. Runkel, OPI

00:45:19 Rep. Wells

00:45:45 Mr. Standaert, LFD

Discussion on School Facilities Reimbursement:

00:46:20 Joan Anderson, Assistant Superintendent, Operations,
OPI

Committee Questions on School Facilities Reimbursement:

00:47:48 Rep. Wells

00:48:06 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning
(OBPP)

Discussion on Increase Quality Per Educator Component:

00:49:04 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

00:54:58 Ms. Carlson, OBPP

Committee Questions on Increase Quality Per Educator:

00:56:15 Sen. Hawks
00:57:30 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
00:59:16 Sen. Lewis
00:59:34 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
01:00:51 Rep. Glaser
01:01:36 Rep. Wells

Discussion on Inflation for At-Risk Student Payment:

01:02:02 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

Committee Questions on Inflation for At-Risk Student Payment:

01:06:58 Sen. Hawks
01:07:03 Ms. Carlson, OBPP

Discussion on Energy Cost Relief:

01:08:28 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

Discussion on Facilities Fund from Guarantee Mineral Royalties:

01:10:58 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
01:12:22 Ms. Carlson, OBPP

[EXHIBIT\(jeh21a02\)](#)

Committee Questions on Facilities Fund:

01:17:58 Sen. Hawks
01:18:10 Ms. Carlson, OBPP
01:19:19 Sen. Hawks
01:19:47 Sen. Lewis
01:20:19 Ms. Carlson, OBPP
01:22:37 Rep. Wells
01:23:05 Sen. Lewis
01:23:22 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
01:23:58 Rep. Glaser

Discussion on Middle School Entitlement Component:

01:24:47 Rep. Wells
01:24:59 Ms. McCulloch, OPI
01:25:36 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, OPI
01:27:59 Ms. Hall, OBPP

Closing Comment from OPI:

01:28:27 Ms. McCulloch, OPI

Public Comment on OPI Programs:

01:34:59 Jan Lombardi, Policy Advisor, Governor's Office
01:41:48 Erik Burke, Montana Education Association - Montana
Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:48:07 Break

02:08:45 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON TRADITIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FUND BILL

02:09:01 Rep. Wells
02:10:42 Sen. Lewis
02:11:29 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(jeh21a03)

02:12:59 Sen. Lewis
02:13:25 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
02:14:17 Rep. Wells
02:14:34 Rep. Glaser
02:14:51 Sen. Wanzenried
02:15:07 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
02:15:30 Rep. Wells

02:15:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** draft
form language of Arts and Crafts Fund. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Discussion on Draft Copy for University System:

02:16:03 Rep. Wells
02:16:33 Sen. Wanzenried
EXHIBIT(jeh21a04)
02:16:58 Rep. Glaser
02:17:40 Rep. Wells
02:17:49 Alan Peura, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
02:18:06 Sen. Wanzenried
02:18:28 Mr. Peura, LFD
02:19:05 Sen. Wanzenried
02:19:24 Sen. Lewis
02:19:41 Rep. Wells
02:19:49 Mr. Peura, LFD
02:20:31 Sen. Hawks
02:21:08 Mr. Peura, LFD

ADJOURNMENT

02:21:57 Adjournment

REP. JACK WELLS, Chairman

KATHY BAIRD, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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